India's position in cotton production in the world

1171. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has become second in the world, by surpassing USA in the production of cotton in 2006-07;

(b) if so, the details of this magnificent achievement;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in 2007-08 also India is on its way to maintain its second position of cotton production in the world;

(d) to what extent the Bt. Cotton seeds helped in this regard;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the cotton production has increased by 65 per cent since 2003;

(f) if so, the details of cotton production in the last five years, State-wise; and

(g) the cotton production of top five countries of the world during the last five years, year-wise and country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) As per the Report of " World Agricultural Production" for November 2007, the production of cotton in the top three cotton prodcuing countries for the year 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 is as presented in the table below:

(Million Bales)

Country	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08 (Projected)
China	29.50	35.50	35.50
India	19.05	21.80	23.50
USA	23.89	21.59	18.86

Note: Production in Million Bales of 480 pounds or 217.73 kg. each

Source: 'World Agricultural Production' (Nov. 2007) brought out by the United States Department of Agriculture and accessed on the website on 27.11.2007.

Production of cotton in India was marginally more than that in USA in 2006-07 and the production in 2007-08 is projected to be significantly higher than USA.

(d) The area under Bt. Cotton was 34.67 lakh hectares, which is 38% of the total area under cotton cultivation in 2006-07 in the country.

(e) and (f) The cotton production in India has incareased by about 67% since 2003-04 from 13.73 million bales to 22.94 million bales in 2007-08. The State-wise details of production during the years 2003-04 to 2007-08 are given below:

('000 Bales of 170 kg each)

State	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07*	2007-08#
Andhra Pradesh	1890.0	2190.0	2108.0	2127.0	2097.0
Assam	1.0	1.0	0.6	1.0	1.0
Chhattisgarh	0.2	0.8	0.4	0.0	0.0
Gujarat	4026.9	4724.8	6772.0	8787.0	9000.0
Haryana	1405.0	2075.0	1499.0	1814.0	1912.0
Karnataka	264.6	688.0	554.0	440.0	258.0
Kerala	4.7	4.4	3.5	2.0	0.0
Madhya Pradesh	639.0	626.1	745.1	829.0	425.0
Maharashtra	3080.0	2939.0	3160.0	4950.0	5805.0
Orissa	88.2	111.2	144.8	108.0	146.0
Punjab	1478.0	2087.0	2395.0	2678.0	2440.0
Rajasthan	709.0	764.6	880.5	747.0	763.0
Tamil Nadu	122.7	194.8	213.3	174.0	82.0
Uttar Pradesh	4.2	5.1	5.2	1.0	0.0
West Bengal	2.8	3.0	6.0	23.0	0.0
Others	12.7	13.8	11.6	15.0	14.0
ALL-INDIA :	13729.0	16428.6	18499.0	22696.0	22943.0

*4th Advance Estimates released on 19.07.2007

#1st Advance Estimates released on 19.09.2007

Others includes Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Pondicherry

(g) The cotton production of top five countries of the world during the last five years, *i.e.,* from 2002-03 to 2006-07 is given in the table below:

Country	Production of Cotton Lint (Million Bales)				
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
China	22.60	22.30	29.00	29.50	35.50
USA	17.21	18.26	23.25	23.89	21.59
India	10.60	14.00	19.00	19.05	21.80
Pakistan	7.80	7.75	11.14	10.17	9.90
Uzbekistan	4.60	4.10	5.20	5.55	5.35

Note: Production in Million Bales of 480 pounds or 217.73 kg. each.

Source: 'World Agricultural Production' (Nov. 2007 and earlier issues) brought out by the United States Department of Agriculture and accessed on the website on 27.11.2007.